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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED TO GERMANY CONCERNING IRAN FOR

THE SEPTEMBER 2007 IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

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Classified By: Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs Robert  
[1](#)A. Pollard d, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) EMIN presented Reftel demarche September 3 to Geza von Geyr, Director for U.S. and Canada in the German Federal Chancellery. Von Geyr expressed appreciation for being informed of USG concerns, and undertook to disseminate them further within the German interagency community.

[1](#)2. (C) EMIN and Global Affairs officer followed up September 4 with German MFA Deputy Commissioner for Arms Control and Disarmament Ruediger Luedeking and MFA Office Director of the IAEA Unit Martin Langer. Luedeking agreed with EMIN that the August 27 "Plan of Action" between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iran is inadequate. Luedeking said that the "Plan of Action" leaves unfulfilled the demands of UNSCR 1737 and 1747 for Iran to cease enriching uranium, for the IAEA to verify the cessation thereof, and for Iran to sign the Additional Protocol. Luedeking also said he shares the U.S. concern over the sequencing provisions in the "Plan of Action" and has questions about the Plan's modalities. Iran clearly breached international law with its nuclear programs and should have resolved the outstanding issue long ago, according to Luedeking. He added that Iran has made much of its right to develop nuclear power under Article 4 of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) but has done nothing to fulfill its corresponding obligations to permit the IAEA to inspect its nuclear activities.

[1](#)3. (C) Luedeking said that Iran must decide how it intends to resolve international doubts about its nuclear program. On the positive side, he said, Iran has at least acknowledged with the "Plan of Action" that it has a duty to clarify the outstanding issues with the IAEA. On the negative side, Luedeking said he had doubts about Iran's earnestness. His concern is that Iran is playing a tactical game with the IAEA and trying to weaken unity among the EU3 of France, Germany, and the UK. Luedeking stressed that the EU3 plus the additional members of the Permanent UNSC must not allow their unity to be disrupted by Iran. Luedeking also said the IAEA should not take the Iranian "Plan of Action" at face value but should press for full cooperation from Iran.

[1](#)4. (C) In response to EMIN's question about a statement from the EU3 at the September 10-14 IAEA Board of Governors meeting in Vienna, Luedeking said that Germany would consult with its two partners about a statement at a September 7

Political Directors meeting. Luedeking said the EU is drafting a statement concerning nuclear nonproliferation but has not finalized it yet. The EU strategy on nonproliferation, Luedeking said, is to encourage the UNSC to enforce nonproliferation universally.

15. (U) Post will report additional substantive German response septel.  
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